RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer to part (*b*) shows that investigations are being made and it is only after the investigations are completed and the report received that the Government can decide the question.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the Government how the official member understood the phrase "recent failure"?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Just as everybody else understands it (*laughter*) *i. e.*, the failure that has occurred recently.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member when this interpellation was received by the official member?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some days before the opening of the session. I cannot give the exact date.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member when the Secretary of the Sri Mulam Assembly received my interpellation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member wants to know the date on which the Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly received this question.

PRESIDENT: That is not relevant. If it is a fact that it was admitted and if it is in the agenda, it shows it was received in time.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the Government the position with reference to the remaining paddy lands left out of irrigation as seen in their Press Communique?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not quite understand what the member means by "position of Government".

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): The reference is to the remission of tax. In the Press Communique only 23,000 acres of paddy lands are admitted to be supplied by water in the reservoir, and the remaining paddy lands of about 33,000 acres are left out of irrigation. I wish to know the position of Government with reference to these paddy lands left out of consideration for the purpose of irrigation.

PRESIDENT: You cannot ask Government even in an original question what Government's future intentions are. Much less can you ask a supplementary question as to the future intentions. The Government member told you that the whole matter is under investigation and when the investigation is completed, Government would certainly take such action as is necessary.

Hindu Nadars in the office of the Director of Registration.

65. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the claims of the Hindu Nadar graduate clerks to promotion in the office of the Director of Registration have been duly considered;

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(*b*) whether, in any case, their juniors have been promoted in preference to them ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, for what reasons or grounds ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this does not arise.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know from the member the probable date on which the question of scarcity of water was brought to the notice of Government?

PRESIDENT . What are you at ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : I beg your pardon; I thought we were at the former question.

PRESIDENT : That is why I asked. Question 65 does not carry any water.

Water-supply at Nagercoil.

66. ***MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any proposals for the removal of the water scarcity in the Nagercoil Municipality ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The matter is under consideration.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know from the member how long it will be under the consideration of Government ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It has been under consideration for some time ; a report has been sent to Government some months ago.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether the question of water-supply to the Nagercoil town was under the consideration for a number of years ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I believe so.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know from the member for how many years it was under consideration?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I am afraid I must ask for notice for that.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether this question was under the consideration of the previous Chief Engineers also?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes.

MR PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether they had arrived at a decision in regard to the question.

MR G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I have sent my report to Government.

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